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TO:

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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM:

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RE:

Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda

County Claims Board Recommendation

County of Los Angeles v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water

District

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled <u>County of Los Angeles v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District</u>, whereby the County will receive payment in the amount of \$115,000.

This matter concerns the recovery of money from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for property damage to a County highway caused by a broken District water main.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME

County of Los Angeles v. Las Virgenes Municipal

Water District

CASE NUMBER

N/A

COURT

N/A

DATE FILED

N/A

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Public Works

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

115,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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NATURE OF CASE

This matter involves the County's claim against the LVMWD for property damage to a County highway, which was caused by the District's broken water main. The District disputes liability, claiming that other sources of water caused the damage. Due to the risk and uncertainties of litigation, settlement of this case by accepting the sum of \$115,000 is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$ \$1,554

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$ 0